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1. Coal and coke production and coal imports for 1952

Coal production in the DDR for 1952	3,100,000 tons
Coke production from anthracite for 1952	1,310,000 "
Anthracite coal tar production for 1952	70,000 "
Benzol production for 1952	11,000 "
Anthracite coal imports for 1952	6,200,000 "

2. Coking plant, Lauchhammer

- a. The new coking plant, Lauchhammer, is to be completed by 1 January 1953. Total requirements of lignite briquettes will be 4,200 tons per day. Total production of lignite coke will be 2,000 tons per day. The coke will be suitable for low shaft furnaces and chemical industries but not for blast furnaces.
- b. The coking plant, Lauchhammer, will consist of:
- 1) Two remodelled briquette producing plants with a total production of 4,700 tons.
 - 2) One power plant with a capacity of about 20 MW.
- c. It is planned to build an overland gas pipe line (Ferngasleitung) to Riesa-Boehlen. Until that time, the produced gas will be used for under firing (Unterfeuerung). Later, the under firing (Unterfeuerung) gas is to be changed to generator gas produced from crude coal.

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- d. The research and testing plant for the Lauchhammer project is in operation at the gas works, Delitzsch,¹ with a total lignite coke output of ten tons.

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